

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-17. (canceled)

18. (previously presented) A preservative and a process for the preparation of a preservative with reduced formaldehyde emissions which comprises:

- a) at least one formal; and
- b) at least one emission-reducing additive.

19. (previously presented) The preservative according to Claim 18, wherein said preservative is substantially absent of:

- a) an iodopropynyl compound; and
- b) a derivative of 1H-benzimidazol-2-carbamic acid.

20. (previously presented) A preservative and a process for the preparation of a preservative with reduced formaldehyde emissions which comprises:

- a) at least one formal; and
- b) at least one emission-reducing additive; and

wherein said preservative is substantially absent of:

- a) an iodopropynyl compound; and
- b) a derivative of 1H-benzimidazol-2-carbamic acid.

21. (previously presented) The preservative according to Claim 18, wherein said formal is a N- and/or O-formal.

22. (previously presented) The preservative according to Claim 21, wherein said formal is selected from the group consisting of:

- a) ethylenedioxy dimethanol;
- b) benzyl alcohol hemiformal;
- c) propylene glycol hemiformal; and
- d) butyl diglycol hemiformal.

23. (previously presented) The preservative according to Claim 18, wherein said formal is selected from the group consisting of:

- a) N, N', N''- tris(hydroxyethyl)hexahydrotriazine;
- b) N,N',N''-tris( $\beta$ -hydroxypropyl)hexahydrotriazine; and
- c) N,N'-methylenebis(5-methyloxazolidine).

24. (previously presented) The preservative according to Claim 18, wherein said additive comprises at least one component selected from the group consisting of:

- a) urea;
- b) glycoluril;
- c) dimethylhydantoin;
- d) imidazolidinylurea;
- e) diazolidinylurea;
- f) amino acids;
- g) guanidine; and

h) guanidine derivatives.

25. (currently amended) The preservative according to Claim 18, wherein said additive comprises at least one component selected from the group consisting of:

- a) glycoluril;
- b) tetramethylolglycoluril;
- c) dimethylhydantoin;
- d) dimethyloldimethylhydantoin;
- e) dimethylolurea;
- f) tetramethanolurea;
- g) ~~imidazolidinylurea~~ imidazolidinylurea; and
- h) diazolidinylurea.

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30. (previously presented) The preservative according to Claim 18, wherein said preservative further comprises:

- e) at least one additional additive.

31. (previously presented) The preservative according to Claim 30, wherein said additive comprises at least one component selected from the group consisting of:

- a) solvents;
- b) solubility promoters;
- c) corrosion inhibitors;
- d) alkalinizing agents;
- e) dyes, perfumes;

- f) viscosity modifying agents;
- g) foam inhibitors;
- h) emulsifiers; and
- i) antioxidants.

32. (previously presented) The preservative according to Claim 18, wherein the weight ratio of said formal and said additive ranges from about 500:1 to about 1:1 of the total preservative's composition.

33. (previously presented) The preservative according to Claim 32, wherein said weight ratio of said formal and said additive ranges from about 200:1 to about 5:1 of the total preservative's composition.

34. (previously presented) The preservative according to Claim 33, wherein said weight ratio of said formal and said additive ranges from about 100:1 to about 10:1 of the total preservative's composition.

35. (previously presented) The preservative according to Claim 34, wherein said weight ratio of said formal and said additive ranges from about 50:1 to about 20:1 of the total preservative's composition.

36. (previously presented) The preservative according to Claim 18, wherein said preservative further comprises water.

37. (previously presented) The preservative according to Claim 36, wherein the weight of said water is up to about 10% of the total preservative's composition.

38. (previously presented) The preservative according to Claim 37, wherein said weight is up to about 5% of the total preservative's composition.

39. (previously presented) The preservative according to Claim 38, wherein said weight is up to about 1% of the total preservative's composition.

40. (previously presented) The preservative according to Claim 18, wherein said preservative is anhydrous.

41. (previously presented) The preservative according to Claim 18, wherein said preservative comprises:

- a) about 90% to about 99% weight of N,N'-methylenebis (5-methyloxazolidine); and
- b) about 1% to about 10% weight of urea.

42. (previously presented) The preservative according to Claim 41, wherein said preservative comprises:

- a) about 92% to about 98% weight of N,N'-methylenebis (5-methyloxazolidine); and
- b) about 2% to about 8% weight of urea.

43. (previously presented) The preservative according to Claim 42, wherein said preservative comprises:

- a) about 93% to about 97% weight of N,N'-methylenebis (5-methyloxazolidine); and
- b) about 3% to about 7% weight of urea.

44. (previously presented) The preservative according to Claim 43, wherein said preservative comprises:

- a) about 95% weight of N,N'-methylenebis (5-methyloxazolidine); and
- b) about 5% weight of urea.

45. (currently amended) The preservative according to ~~one of~~ Claim 18, wherein said preservative comprises:

- a) about 80% to about 98% weight of N,N'-methylenebis (5-methyloxazolidine);
- b) about 1% to about 10% weight of urea; and
- c) about 1% to about 10% weight of phenoxyethanol.

46. (previously presented) The preservative according to Claim 45, wherein said preservative comprises:

- a) about 84% to about 96% weight of N,N'-methylenebis (5-methyloxazolidine);
- b) about 2% to about 8% by weight of urea; and
- c) about 2% to about 8% by weight of phenoxyethanol.

47. (previously presented) The preservative according to Claim 46, wherein said preservative comprises:

- a) about 86% to about 94% weight of N,N'-methylenebis (5-methyloxazolidine);
- b) about 2% to about 7% weight of urea; and
- c) about 3% to about 7% weight of phenoxyethanol.

48. (previously presented) The preservative according to Claim 47, wherein said preservative comprises:

a) about 95% weight, of N,N'-methylenebis(5-methyloxazolidine);

b) about 5% weight of urea; and

c) about 5% weight of phenoxyethanol.

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57. (previously presented) The preservative according to Claim 18, wherein said preservative is utilized for a technical product.

58. (previously presented) The preservative according to Claim 57, wherein said product is selected from the group consisting of:

a) cutting fluid;

b) propellant;

c) surface coating;

d) a dispersion; and

e) a water-based paint.

59. (canceled)